

## MINUTES

### STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES

JULY 19, 2002

The State Advisory Council on Libraries convened in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, on July 19, 2002 with Stu Tobin presiding.

Present were:

Council

Stu Tobin, Chair  
Mary Helen Adams  
Christi Bailey  
Karl Benson  
Larry Besant  
Jess Gardner  
William Hansen  
Carolyn Ingram  
Terri Kirk  
Virginia Snell

KDLA

Jim Nelson  
Charlene Davis  
Judith Gibbons  
Lori Harlan  
Diane Poole  
Christie Robinson

EAH Cabinet

Lou DeLuca

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Stu Tobin welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order.

### APPROVAL OF APRIL 19, 2002 MEETING MINUTES

No changes were made to the April 19, 2002 meeting minutes of the State Advisory Council on Libraries; minutes were approved as distributed.

### EAH CABINET REPORT

Lou DeLuca stated that we are functioning in state government at the moment without a state budget; services are continuing to be provided at this time.

Lou DeLuca also reported the Governor will be hosting an "Education Summit" at the Kentucky History Center on July 30 to reflect on the past history of elementary/secondary education reform, and to receive an update on where we currently are in education reform, and what challenges are ahead.

The Council discussed the importance of libraries being a part of the agenda at the summit and how libraries are meeting Kentuckians needs, but at the time of our Council meeting the "Education Summit's" agenda was not yet available.

### KLA REPORT

Terri Kirk reported that representatives from Kentucky visited our Congressional Delegation in Washington, DC for National Library Legislative Day in May and had a very successful trip talking to our state senators.

Ms. Kirk also reported that the Bowling Green Public Library was a recipient of the highly recognized John Cotton Data Award from the American Library Association for their work at the library depot project. Congratulations to Bowling Green Public Library.

The KLA has been invited to participate in the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Celebration project, "The Core of Discovery II Project," which will include library associations from Washington State to Washington, DC. KLA will be establishing a volunteer committee to act as a liaison with the Washington Office and to assist this project in locating and identifying resources throughout Kentucky. The committee will also help locate possible exhibit and meeting locations, and assist with local publicity.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVE FIVE YEAR LSTA PLAN**

Jim Nelson reviewed with the Council the proposed draft of the LSTA Five-Year Plan that KDLA has been working on. Jim explained how KDLA gathered needs assessment data from the statewide library community and identified four categories that fit into the overall purpose of the Library Services and Technology Act. The areas of Access/Technology, Awareness/Outreach, Children and Youth Services, and Programming/Training will be the four main focuses in our upcoming projects presented in this plan.

The Council discussed the prioritization of the orders of the categories presented in the plan on page 2 of the LSTA Five-Year document. A suggestion was made to move the Children and Youth Services area to a higher rank (instead of #3) to heighten the awareness of that need, although the areas do not have to be prioritized. Diane Poole explained that since this document is mainly reviewed and approved by the staff of IMLS in Washington, and since this document is not highly circulated in Frankfort she recommended to leave the rankings as is. The Council discussed and agreed that since it will not help raise awareness of our children's programs to change the ranking, they would leave it as it was presented to the Council.

Diane advised the Council that she has worked with Washington's guidance on helping KDLA develop this Five-Year Plan, and believes the plan contains the information Washington is looking for. The Five-Year Plan has very measurable outputs and outcomes, which will help identify successes or failures.

The Council also reviewed the proposed LSTA Projects for FY 2003. New programs presented in this document included a collection digitization subgrant and a programming subgrant, which is aimed at raising awareness and using of the public library as the center of the community culture.

A question was asked about book grants being totally eliminated from the projects, due to KDLA's necessary budget restraints. The Council inquired about publicizing the fact that some local libraries are being hit hard without those book grants. Jim Nelson advised that hopefully the public awareness project that Kelly Reed and Judith Gibbons are going to work on will help raise awareness and increase the importance of local libraries in each community.

Federal funding for LSTA is being presented to Congress at \$185.7 million dollars, but we do not know if this will be approved or not at this time. All the presented '03 LSTA Projects are pending until the appropriations on LSTA funding is approved in Washington.

A motion was made by the Council to approve the LSTA Five-Year Plan and the LSTA Projects for FY 2003. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

## **REVIEW PROPOSAL TO CHANGE STATUTORY LANGUAGE FOR KDLA SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Jim Nelson advised the Council that KDLA has not awarded library science scholarships in some time, but would like to revise the statutory language and partner with the University of Kentucky to revamp this program. A revised copy of the proposed changes was distributed to Council members, which included the following changes:

- 1) included language to allow for accredited library education programs offered via distant learning technologies
- 2) added language to include archival as well as library programs
- 3) added language to establish a Library Science Scholarship Fund Advisory Committee, which will review and consider applications and advise the State Librarian on the awarding according to established criteria
- 4) added language to include applicants with greater need or highest priority when possible
- 5) included the agreement period between the applicant and the employer to include at least two years of service
- 6) included language that applicant must sign agreement with a pre-determined current interest rate (similar to other debts collected by other financial assistance entities)
- 7) deleted the language that the state librarian may terminate the employment of a scholarship recipient if the performance of the recipient is found to be unsatisfactory.

A motion was made by the Council to accept the language changes presented in 171.303 for Library science scholarships – Applications/Awards. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION CONCEPT FOR STATE LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Stu Tobin discussed the possibility of KDLA forming a non-profit development fund to assist KDLA in its public library support programs. Stu explained that other state agencies such as KET, the Arts Foundation, the Historical Society, and state universities hold public fund raisers to help fund state programs with private contributions. The Council stated that the establishment of such a fund would have to be structured so that it is not in competition with local Friends of the Libraries groups. The Council believed it would be worth investigating for information about the establishment of a fund. The Council would like for KDLA to check with other state libraries and other state agencies in Kentucky to see how they have established private funding accounts and how those are structured within their organization, and report their findings back to the Council.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- KDLA will be hosting a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event of the Clark-Cooper Building here in our lobby on Tuesday, October 8th at 2:00 p.m. More information about this upcoming event will be sent to Advisory Council members soon.
- The Capital Planning Advisory Board met in the KDLA Activity Room this month and will be making recommendations to legislators and the Governor on future building needs for the state. The Board also went on a tour of our building and we hope our requested future building needs will be a high priority on their recommendation list.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date has been set for Friday, October 25, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. in the KDLA Board Room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**